

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0021] as follows:

Alternatively, in another preferred embodiment, the upper surface portion may comprise a single sheet **S** of flexible buoyant or semi-buoyant material.

Please amend paragraph [0023] as follows:

Preferably said flexible fluid retaining structures comprise a network or grid of pipes or tubes. Preferably also said fluid is maintained in said flexible structures under pressure. To this end preferably at least one pump **P** for supplying fluid to said flexible fluid retaining structures. Most preferably said fluid is water.